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FLOOD CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR SESSION
ZOOM ONLINE MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021
MEETING MINUTES

Members in attendance:

- Elston Grubaugh
- Tom Davis
- Jeffrey Kramer
- Kevin Dahl
- Craig Colvin
- Kenneth Baughman

Members absent:

- Courtney Arviso

Others in attendance:

- Frank Sanchez, Interim County Engineer/ Flood Control Manager
- Ed Feheley, FCD Attorney
- David Ruvalcaba, Civil Engineer/ Flood Control
- Katherine Hall-Guerra, Engineering Specialist

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Elston Grubaugh called the meeting to order at 9:10 AM and quorum was verified.

2. Call to Public

Chairman Elston Grubaugh made a call to the public. No comments.

3. Approval of Minutes – Regular Meeting of March 4, 2021

Kenneth Baughman made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 Flood Control Advisory Board meeting. Tom Davis seconded the motion.

Motion carried 5-0.

4. 2020 Assessment Report (Draft)

Frank Sanchez presented the report and noted should have been presented at the March meeting; however, with the FCAB recommendation it would go to the BOD July 2021 meeting for their approval.

Elston inquired about the assessment rate drop noted on page 4, #6 with a slight decrease from .2522% to .2419% of the assessed property values but would give a slight increase in revenue. Frank agreed it was based on the assessed property values

having increased, so even though the tax rate did drop, there was a small increase from the previous last years in revenues, based on the assessed value of the properties.

Frank stated he would discuss the CIP projects in more detail in Agenda Item #5 Project Updates.

Tom Davis made a motion to recommend the 2020 Assessment Report to the Yuma County Flood Control Board of Directors. The motion seconded by Jeffrey Kramer.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Projects Update

Frank shared the projects report and highlighted the current budgeted CIP projects for the FCD.

1. **Smucker Park Retention Basin**: The revised specifications were received and being reviewed by ADWR. Some project specs updated to better clarify required items. Frank does not anticipate many comments from ADWR. The bid advertisement was scheduled and pre bid meeting for contractors. Plans are to have out to bid in July, given that ADWR responds quickly.

Tom inquired if the county was expecting limited bidders for the project and how information getting out to contractors. Frank responded that communication was sent to contractors including the second low bidder from the initial bid. Frank not sure of the interest level at this time from contractors. The project was budgeted and BOD approved to use contingency to fund the project and anticipating bids around \$14 -15 million.


Jeffrey stated that the City has serious drainage issues along with other drainage projects hinging on this project. The City has concerns about the reality of the project moving forward and the time lost (2 years) with previous contractor. In the meantime, 2 million has been in the county's possession.

Tom discussed his concerns about the project was over designed and may need to consider redesigning to a smaller structure. Mr. Kramer responded that downsizing the project would further hamper the facility handling the city's drainage needs. Frank added that we would not gain much by reducing the retention basin capacity.

2. **Somerton Area Drainage Improvements**: Awarded by BOD to GCE, roughly at around \$4.1 million. Contractor started working on the project due to utility relocation delays. APS working to still have facilities relocated at locations where contractor not working.
3. **Wellton Area Drainage Improvements**: Moved out to FY23, pushed out to accommodate Smucker Park. Plans completed but depending on Smucker Park.
4. **Coyote Wash Project**: Awarded to GCE for roughly \$1.4 million. The NTP issued on May 19 and construction has started.
5. **Gadson/ San Luis Drainage Improvements**: Consultants scheduled to give presentation on June 7 but due to amount of agenda items, it was moved to a Consent item. Consultations would be available to discuss if needed.
6. **NPDES and MS4 Storm water Retrofit**: Project Manager working with consultant. A review of the plans was conducted and comments were sent to the consultant to finalize plans. Project bumped out to accommodate Smucker Park.
7. **Storm water Retention Basins**: Three retention basins retrofitting in San Luis, Somerton and City of Yuma. Plans are at 100%; waiting for a license from the BOR for basin in San Luis.
8. **Los Amigos & Southern Sands Subdivisions**: Plans at 100%, project concurrently bidding out with pavement restoration to save some money on the FC side. Project expected to go out to bid in January FY22.

6. **Discussion/Update: Proposed Legislation SB: 1431:** Frank noted that they received word that the bill was redirected and felt that it would not progress at this time. Comments were sent to oppose the bill. Elston added that they also had reached out to their Lobbyists for more information and would monitor the status.
7. **Roundtable:** Frank reminded members that the next meeting would be at the DDS Building in the Gold Room on Thursday, September 2.
Jeffrey Kramer announced that he would be retiring from the City of Yuma on August 5, 2021 and no replacement designated at this time.
8. **Adjourn**
Chairman Elston Grubaugh adjourned the meeting at 9:45 a.m.
Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the DDS Building, Gold Room.

These minutes were approved and accepted on this 2nd day of September, 2021.



Elston Grubaugh, Chairman